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Exemptions - Ad Valorem Taxes

Masonic Lodge building in St. Clair County is exempt from ad valorem tax.

Dear Mr. Hollis:

This opinion is issued in response to your request for an opinion from the Attorney General.

QUESTION

Is the Masonic Lodge building in St. Clair County exempt from ad valorem taxation?

FACTS AND ANALYSIS

The upper story of the building is used specifically for the lodge meetings. The downstairs is leased. The rent collected is used for charitable purposes.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Alabama and its duly constituted subordinate lodges are exempt from ad valorem taxes. The exemption extends to property owned by such lodges that are leased to third parties where the income derived therefrom is used for charitable purposes. Quarterly Report of the Attorney General, Volume 122, Page 24.

CONCLUSION

The Masonic Lodge building in St. Clair County is exempt from taxation.

Sincerely, -

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